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SUBJ: USIS ROLE IN LAOS: LOOKING AHEAD

1. APAO BELIEVES AND IT IS THE CONSENSUS OF COUNTRY TEAM THAT ASSUMING OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES INCLUDING OCCUPATION OF EMBASSY GSO COMPOUND AND HOUSING AREA CAN BE SOLVED, QUESTION OF RESUMING OPERATION OF USIS LIBRARY SHOULD NOT BE AN OBSTACLE TO MAINTENANCE OF U.S. PRESENCE. LOOKING AHEAD BNC AND TRADITIONAL PRESS OFFICER FUNCTION WILL FAR OUTWEIGH VALUE OF LIBRARY AND EQUIPMENT REMAINING ON 1ST FLOOR OF LANE XANG OFFICE BUILDING.

REQUEST AUTHORITY TO CLOSE LIBRARY IF ASKED BY PGNU AND GRANT BOOKS TO SUITABLE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, PGNU, OR OTHER EMBASSY. REMAINING EQUIPMENT IN FILM LIBRARY, MOPIX MAINTAINENCE ROOM AND THAT LUANG FAIR STRUCTURES STORED IN BACK OF BUILDING WOULD BE KEPT BY USIS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OBSOLETE ITEMS THAT COULD BE GRANTED TO PGNU.

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2. TO DATE BNC HAS NOT BEEN TOUCHED. IF EITHER

PGNU OR PROTEST GROUP REPRESENTATIVES BRING IT
UP MISSION WILL POINT OUT THAT QUESTION OF
CONTINUING OPERATION OR CLOSURE AND DISPOSITION OF
ASSETS IS FOR ELECTED BI-NATIONAL BOARD.

THE BOARD HAS ALREADY DRAWN UP A POWER OF ATTORNEY
ESTABLISHING A LAO-AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND.
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN EMPOWERED AS TRUST ADMINISTRATOR
UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO UTILIZE THE BNC'S U.S.
BANK ACCOUNT FOR NEEDY LAO STUDENTS STUDYING IN THE U.S.
UPON NOTIFICATION BY DEPT. OF STATE THAT LAA
HAS BEEN DFKSSOLVED, U.S. BANK ACCOUNT WOULD BE FROZEN
AND ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF NOTIFICATION UTAH
STATE UNIVERSITY WOULD HAVE RIGHT TO UTILIZE FUNDS.
IF DURING INTERIM LAA IS RECONSTITUTED THE
BOARD COULD ONCE AGAIN LAY CLAIM TO MONEY. POWER OF
ATTORNEY HAS BEEN SENT TO BANK OF AMERICA IN
SAN FRANCISCO. ON JUNE 25 BOARD RECOMMENDED THAT
IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION ALL MOVABLE ASSETS OF THE
ASSOCIATION SHOULD BE DONATED "AS IS" TO THE MIN. OF ED.

3. FUTURE USIS VIENTIANE OFFICERS SHOULD HAVE LAO
LANGUAGE TRAINING.
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